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**This Month's Meeting:
Wednesday 10th at 7 pm**

Check Out the Review of

Solid PDF Tools

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Creating Dance Instruction Music by Bart Bartholoma

Utah's Award Winning Computer Magazine!

Baton Bleu

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Come to the Jubilee

Now for a shameless plug. One of my compositions, **Jubilee Overture** will be performed by the Sandy Symphony (formerly The American West Symphony) on Wednesday June 24 in the Sandy Amphitheater. Tell all your friends and bring all your relatives (wife & Kids, etc.) The admission is free (you can't beat the price!)

The amphitheater is at 94th south and 13th east.

Other compositions on the program include two popular tunes of Leroy Anderson; The Typewriter, Sandpaper Ballet: Summertime by George Gershwin: two movements from Dvorak's New World Symphony (symphony no. 9:) etc.

The concert starts at 8:00 p.m.
---now back to computing---

WinXP Will Never Die (?)

A Chinese company recently showed off a Windows XP Phone. The phone goes to sleep when not in use, so you don't have to boot each time you use it. It sports a rather large screen (4.8 inches) a keyboard, WiFi, GPS and a 120GB hard drive. It is powered by an AMD processor.

I wonder if it has a firewall to filter out solicitation calls? If it does, it may be worth considering purchasing! I wonder if you can install World of Warcraft on it? Or any other goodie programs we might have?

So far as I know, it is only available in China now. I assume that XP is in Chinese, so I hope you have a translator program if you fly to China to purchase one.

Speaking of Games - -

Tetris is 25 years old this month. How many of you have played, or are still playing this addictive game?

Recent Trends

Is was created by a Soviet programmer Alexey Pajitnov in 1984 and is still going strong. In fact, it is now on Facebook and iPhones.

Researchers have determined that the potential combinations of items are so huge that it might be impossible for a computer to calculate the best place to put the little devils.

Hulu Hula Hoop

How many of you Bluechippers have ever visited Hulu? I have, to watch some old Battlestar Galactia series flicks. I do not much care for the new version of Galactia. I like Loren Greene as Commander Adama and Laurette Spang is very easy on the eyes.

However, Hulu may stop offering free TV shows, movies, etc. It is becoming very popular and someone is trying to figure a way to make good money out of this fact. Unfortunately, premium content is worth paying for, and many people will fork over bucks to pay for it. In reality, content has to be paid for whether advertising or subscription

If you have not been to this site, I suggest you visit it. I am sure you will find something worth watching.

Hulu is a joint venture between News Corp., NBC Universal, and Disney.

July's Meeting

I always look forward to the July meeting and the picnic in the park. It is a great place to chat at length with old friends about computing and anything else that tickles your fancy.

Hope to see you there!

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"Utah's Award Winning Publication"

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MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION
2nd Wednesday of every month

University of Utah, Union Building, 7:00 p.m.

June Renewals

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Solid PDF Tools
Scan or Create Searchable, Archivable PDF Files

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Solid Documents' Products:
Solid PDF Tools, Solid Converter PDF, Solid PDF Creator Plus, Solid PDF Creator, Solid Converter DWG, Solid Capture, Solid Converter GX, and Solid Framework.

	PDF Creator	Creator Plus	PDF Tools
	29.95	49.95	99.95
Create PDF	✓	✓	✓
Passwords [4]	✓	✓	✓
Encryption [4]	✓	✓	✓
Properties	✓	✓	✓
Optimization	✓	✓	✓
PDF/A-1b	✓	✓	✓
Drag & Drop		✓	✓
Edit Text		✓	✓
Edit Objects		✓	✓
Watermarks		✓	✓
Combine		✓	✓
Rearrange		✓	✓
Extract Pages		✓	✓
Search Tool		✓	✓
PDF to Word			✓
PDF to Excel			✓
Scan to Word			✓
TIFF to PDF			✓
Scan to PDF			✓
Edit Text			✓
Edit Objects			✓
OCR Layer			✓
PDF to PDF/A			✓
Repair PDF/A			✓

System Requirements:
Windows Vista (32 bit), Microsoft Word 2003 or XP
Microsoft Office (any version) required to create PDF files from .doc, .xls, .ppt, et al.
An Internet connection is required for installing a product download.
Single product license for single system. Site licenses are available.
Microsoft Office 2007 or 2003 required for extracting searchable text from scanned pages and for Scan to Word.
Minimum - CPU: Intel Pentium 4 (2GHz) or AMD Athlon XP 2800+ (2.2GHz); RAM: 512MB
Recommended - CPU: Intel 2 Duo E6300 (1.86GHz) or AMD Athlon 64 X2 3800+ (2GHz); RAM: 1GB+ (2GB if running Windows Vista)

Solid PDF Tools (SPDFT5) Benefits:
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If you have questions about site licenses please send e-mail to <sales@solid-documents.com>.

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Why Choose *Solid PDF Tools?*

Well, here I am once again to share with you - just as I did way back in September 2005 in my BCM Review of **Solid Converter PDF to Word[1] & [2]** (**SCPDFW2**) - that to recover, manipulate and/or reuse your PDF (content or document) with **Solid PDF Tools**, you simply open your PDF file(s) in Microsoft Word, then edit them just like you always have done. *Only this time, it's* a **super-/duper-powered** "*Solid PDF Tools* that delivers the PDF content right to your fingertips." *__It's really that simple__* (See below).

Not to be outdone (such as **Solid Converter PDF to Word**), you can actually reverse the process and save your Word documents straight to PDF too (See below)! So now, with **Solid PDF Tools**, you also will no longer need to buy **Adobe Acrobat** simply to get the job done.

FYI However just to set the record straight, and this comes directly from the FAQ's:

Q. Do I need Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader to use Solid Converter PDF?

A. No. However, to view or download PDF files (separately) you must have Adobe Reader installed on your computer.

Note. The Adobe Reader program is free (it's up to version 9.1 the last time I checked), and can be downloaded from their web site. *"Now how's that for limiting your budget in these tough times?"*

Speaking of tough times, a **C-note** expenditure could be challenging to some, especially at this particular vexing time in our "stressed out economy," so this might be just the right time to list some of the features you do get with your purchase of **SPDFT5**? (Also, see the graphic. Each topic in the graphic has its own **"slide show"** to better illustrate and/or explain itself. Please check them all out for yourself on their web site.)

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Scan to Microsoft® Word. Scan directly from paper to well formatted, editable Word documents. (Requires Microsoft® Office 2003 or Office 2007)

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Scan to PDF. Scan paper documents into archivable PDF/A-1b documents. Searchable thanks to OCR text layer.

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Archive Using PDF/A. Create PDF/A-1b documents which are fully compliant with ISO 19005-1 archiving standards.

PDF Creation. Simply drag and drop. Easily create PDFs from your documents. WYSIWYG user interface.

You know, **Solid PDF Tools** can even be used to *__extract, one to many, images__* from PDF files. In so doing, you then have the option of saving them as a file in their original format, *__or even as a different graphics type__*.

Note. The graphics will be saved in a separate folder with the same name as the original file. Pretty neat too! But wait, I've already started getting carried away and getting way ahead of myself here. There's lots, lots more to *Solid PDF Tools - actually tons more; for instance, Feature Tours on their web site* (See below). (*Wow!* Once again, please check them all out for yourself on their web site, when you've got the time to do so. It's darn well worth your time, believe you me.)

Get the general idea now? Then, "Read on McDuff!"[3]

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

So, What's It All About Alfie?

Sadly, it was deja vu all over "yet again" for me! Some things just never seem to change for me, do they? Here's my story. I needed to copy some data, __like I always need to do for my Reports[4]/Reviews__, only this time, for some obscure reason or other into Microsoft Word (instead of my favorite WordPerfect) for last month's **Diskeeper 2009** Review from a certain file in the DK 2009 PDF Users Manual. Can't recall exactly what I needed, but my copy of **Adobe Reader(*)** absolutely would not, repeat would not let me select and copy the data I needed so desperately; so what was I supposed to do?

(*) BTW. You may recall my horrific clash with the XP Pro SP3 update? Well, you should since I've written about it here in BCM for the past five (5) months now? SP 3 had also destroyed my copy of **Solid Converter PDF to Word**, and you know the old saying, "Out'ta sight, out'ta mind?" *Bingo!*

"What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down." - Mary Pickford

Long story-short story. I ended up actually manually typing in everything I needed in the long run. Yuk! **Yuk! *Triple Yuk! Be advised, that's not a three stooges type of "yuk" either.*** After the **DK 2009** Review was done and gone, put to bed, finé, kaput; I slapped myself on the forehead...

(Wait a sec! I remember now what I said four years ago when I did exactly the same thing during the *Solid Converter PDF to Word* Review; "That just could be the reason I'm getting so bald up topside? You know, that repeated slapping myself on the forehead so often?" Or more than likely, it could be more like what author and editor Edgar Watson Howe, who died in 1937, said, "A man is usually bald four or five years before he knows it." *OK!*). It was then that I remembered that I had been given a copy of *Solid PDF Tools* (Version 5) (**SPDFT5**) to upgrade my "Dead" copy of *Solid Converter PDF to Word*. Double *Duh*!
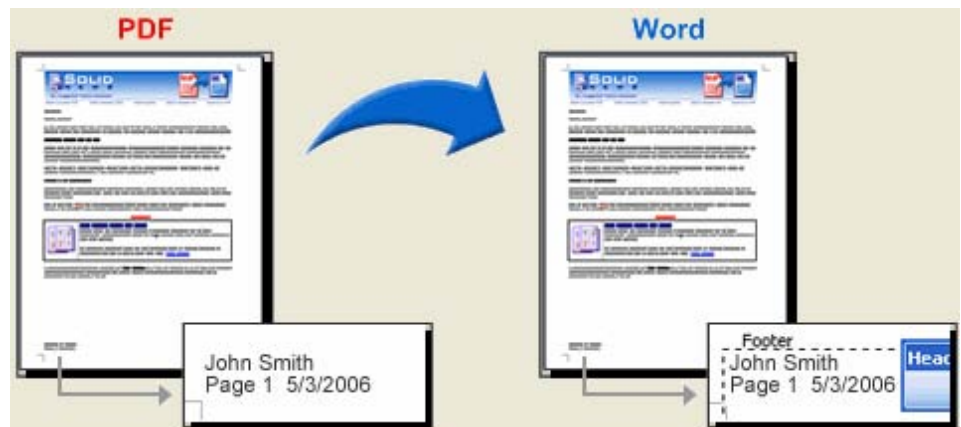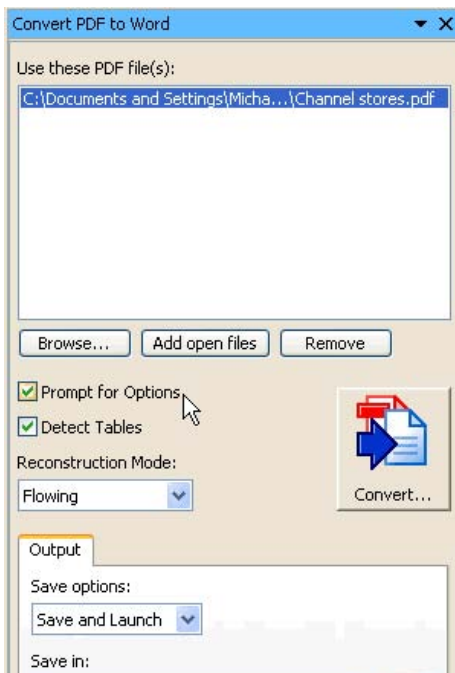
For the record, I had absolutely no trouble installing *Solid PDF Tools* (Version 5), *nor in getting my latest update*, build 378.

Well, I didn't cut *Solid PDF Tools* any slack on my first PDF conversion attempt - once again - either. ;-} *Here's what I did*. In hindsight, *Duh!* I selected the 97-page 2,673 KB Diskeeper2009 PDF User-Manual file and sent it straight through the *Solid PDF Tools* washer *and* ringer to convert it straight to MS Word. A very tough 1st test, to be sure.

Trouble was, there were a couple of items on the finished converted product that didn't set well with me, knowing how wonderful **SCPDFW2** had performed for me almost four (4) years ago. Consequently, I sent my file to Customer Support to see what I had done wrong actually? It most certainly had to be me. Sure enough, this is the e-mail I got back post haste:

"Hi Don,

Thanks for sending the problem file. Converting the PDF file without creating headers and footers fixed the bug.

This can be changed by checking Prompt for options when converting the PDF file to Word and setting Headers and Footers to Place in the body of the document. We'll send the issue to our Engineering Department, let us know if you have any questions. Sincerely, Sam, Solid Documents LLC"

BTW I obviously didn't have the slightest clue that would happen (I didn't even suspect the DK 2009 Manual was constructed that way. Besides, you do know by now that it's a proven fact that "I'm the world's best beta-buster," don't you?); and once again, just to set the record straight, *if I had of even known what to look for*, the answer is already in the FAQ's (as well as in this case, fully covered in the Features Tour on their web site under Convert PDF to Word. Duh!):

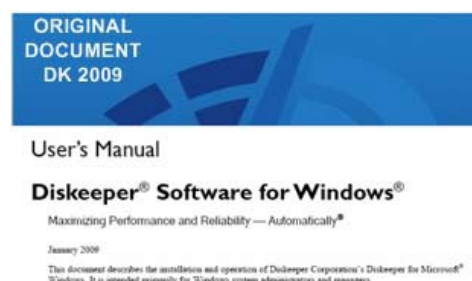**Q.** Can I preserve my headers and footers from the PDF file?

A. You have three choices when it comes to headers and footers. You can choose to put them in Word's header/footer feature, or you can choose to place them in the body of the document. The third option allows you to remove them altogether.

OK! So take a look at the bottom of the page, at the "Before (Original) **PDF**" and the "After (Converted) **Word**" comparisons of my huge **Review** PDF test with **SPDFT5**: The Converted Word is on the right and the original PDF on the left. Notice the "Graphics are Superb," *but* the font is obviously different between them? Once again, my new friend in Customer Support politely informed me that this is because "*I Did Not Have The Original PDF Fonts on My Computer, so Solid PDF Tools Had to Substitute for Them.*" OK! *OK! I finally "Get it!*"

Note. **Solid PDF Tools** preserves as much of the formatting of the original document as possible to make updating and/or editing the conversion easier. As such, text in a **PDF** file is converted into text within the **Word** file, never into images. Also, bitmap images are converted into bitmap images, and vector graphics are converted to embedded, editable vector objects.

However, *before you get ever started with "your project*,*"* I strongly suggest that you check out the very special "**Help**" files in **SPDFT5** - which are found under the sub-heading: *Quick Start*.

BTW This is a definite improvement in version 5, as one used to have to go to the web site to get some of this same information with **SCPDFW2**. *Well done, guys!*

Actually, this should be your **"first stop"** before calling the outstanding "Free" Solid Documents Customer Support (See their time of operation schedule in the introduction above). The **Help** file provides step-by-step assistance in using each of the different features of **SPDFT5**. But let Solid Documents take it from here:

"Welcome to Solid PDF Tools **Help**! **SPDFT5** creates searchable, archivable PDF/A documents. It's also useful for creating small, high-quality PDF's that can be easily distributed to others." Then they go on to list a few tips to help you get started.

Shazam! And just like that, here they are for you:

1. Scanning from Paper to PDF

The simple scanning interface in **SPDFT5** allows you to easily scan documents and save them as PDF files.

Note. For more on their scanning interface, you have but to simply click on their Scanning Documents hyperlink therein, and it will take you directly to the topic.

2. Creating PDF Files from TIFF

You can convert legacy scanned TIFF documents into fully searchable and archivable PDF/A documents.

Note. Again, simply click on the hyperlink Adding TIFF Images under their heading of Working with Pages for more information.

3. Creating New PDF's or Combining PDF's

You can create new PDF's from pre-existing files, scanned page images, or multiple documents combined into a single PDF, then save them as standard PDF or PDF/A files.

Note. Again, you can simply click on their hyperlink Working with Files for fuller details.

4. Modifying PDF Files

There are numerous ways you can enhance or modify your PDF files. Your PDF's can be enhanced with watermarks, metadata, or security features[4], and pages can be rotated or deleted. You can also drag and drop pages from one PDF to another.

Note. Once again, simply click on their hyperlink Working with Files and/ or Working with Pages for more **"How-to"** information.

5. Convert PDF to PDF/A (See more on this subject below)

Your PDF files can be converted to archivable files fully compliant with PDF/A standards. You can also add a text layer for searching if the original PDF file was a scanned document (See below).

Note. Again, simply click on their hyperlink Convert PDF to PDF/A to get additional help. *Bon Appetite!*

But wait, there's lots, lots more in the **SPDFT5 Help** file, as well, *as you would only expect*. The following are a few of the topics you'll find therein

(plus don't forget that you also have FAQ's yet to see, plus their Blogs, RSS feeds and Tips and Tricks, and don't forget the Feature Tours galore on their web site, plus there's always that "Free" Customer Support, as well as, receiving their Newsletter - *"My 'o My, Such a Country!"*). Anyway, here's a synopsis for you:

1. Basics - **User Interface (i.e., Palettes, Toolbars, Page Panes, Document Window, navigating to a Specific page, Zooming, Changing View layout and Start page)**;

2. Customizing Your Program (Customizing User Interface and Selecting Program Options);

3.Scanning Documents (Working With Scanners, Preparing Documents for Archive, Scanning and OCR, Scanning Paper Documents to PDF and to Word, and Scan to PDF Options and to Word Options); and,

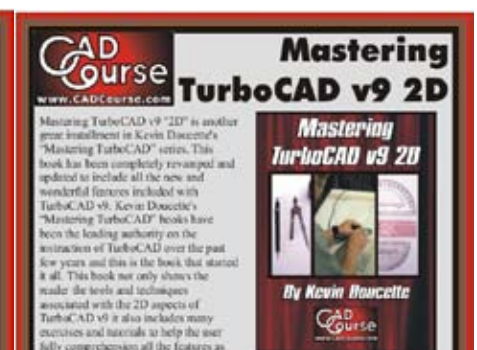**4. Working with Files and with Pages, etc.**

Note. All the above represents a huge database of important data. I'd suggest right about here that you download your own 15-day "Free Trial" copy and play around with it to your hearts content. **You certainly have nothing to lose** *and everything to gain*. **Besides,** *all incremental patches or maintenance fixes are free for all licensees*.

Now you are just about ready to take a good long look at my three (3) CBC2 graphics[2] showing the major differences between the Solid Documents Features (which are accessible in the **SPDFT5 Program Getting Started Window** as well) and the **SPDFT5 Feature Tours**, plus get a better idea of the immenseness/vastness/completeness/et al. of Solid PDF Tools. Also, that way you can appreciate the "True value and versatility of **SPDFT5**" versus Adobe Acrobat - not only in $$$$ savings but in total utility value(s), as well. Maybe it'll be a little bit easier to see and understand then why so many organizations (some are depicted in the CBC2 graphics for you) "Use" Solid Documents programs.

Below is another example for you of a PDF file converted into a Microsoft Word document (See graphics). These graphics show how the formatting is preserved within the PDF file while making the Word document easy to work with.

Note. In these examples we can really see what it's like when you actually do have the "original PDF fonts" to play with in MS Word. "Bigggg difference."

Once again, take a look at a "Before **PDF**" and the "After **Word**" comparisons: As before, the Converted Word is on the left and the Original PDF is on the right. **Notice**. The "*Graphics are Once Again Superb*" but, *now take a good look* at the beautiful font reproduction between the before and after conversion? Yesss! *Got that one too!*

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Scanned PDF Recovery. Convert legacy scanned PDF files into well formatted, editable Word documents. (Requires Office 2003 or Office 2007)			✓	✓
Scan to Microsoft® Word. Scan directly from paper to well formatted, editable Word documents. (Requires Microsoft® Office 2003 or Office 2007) — Scan to Word...			✓	✓
Selective Extraction. Select the content you wish to convert to Word directly from the PDF page. Formatting, styles, layout preserved. — Selective Extraction...			✓	✓
WYSIWYG Content Extraction. Convert selected text, tables or images from a PDF file. Creates formatted content in Word, tables in Excel or image files. — WYSIWYG...			✓	✓
PDF to Word Conversion. Convert your PDF files to Microsoft® Word documents for easy editing. — PDF to Word...			✓	✓
PDF to Excel Conversion. Convert tables from your PDF files to Microsoft® Excel spreadsheets. Select pages or entire document. — PDF to Excel...			✓	✓
Quality Conversions. No need to waste hours reformatting and reworking your files. — Quality Conversions...			✓	✓
Headers and Footers. Advanced options for converting or removing headers and footers.			✓	✓
Table Recovery. Superior reconstruction of bordered and borderless tables as table objects, with formatting, in Word.			✓	✓
Form Recognition. Form fields are recognized and converted into text boxes for easy editing.			✓	✓
Form Recognition. Form fields are recognized and converted into text boxes for easy editing.			✓	✓
Rotated Text Recovery. Convert text from your PDF no matter which way it's oriented.			✓	✓
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Scanning and Archiving

Feature	PDF Creator	Creator Plus	Solid Converter	PDF Tools
TIFF to PDF. Convert legacy scanned TIFF documents into fully searchable and archivable PDF/A-1b documents. — TIFF to PDF...				✓
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The Nitty-Gritty on SPDFT5 - Tips & Tricks

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The following is partial list of the **Solid PDF Tools - Tips & Tricks** (See web site for details):

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Let's explore a couple, just for principle, but more because they are so important to understand actually?

Q. **What is the PDF File Format?**

A. If a file has the extension .pdf, then it most likely is in the Portable Document Format (PDF), developed by Adobe Systems. PDF maintains the original document formatting for both printing and viewing on multiple computing platforms, including Windows, UNIX and Mac.

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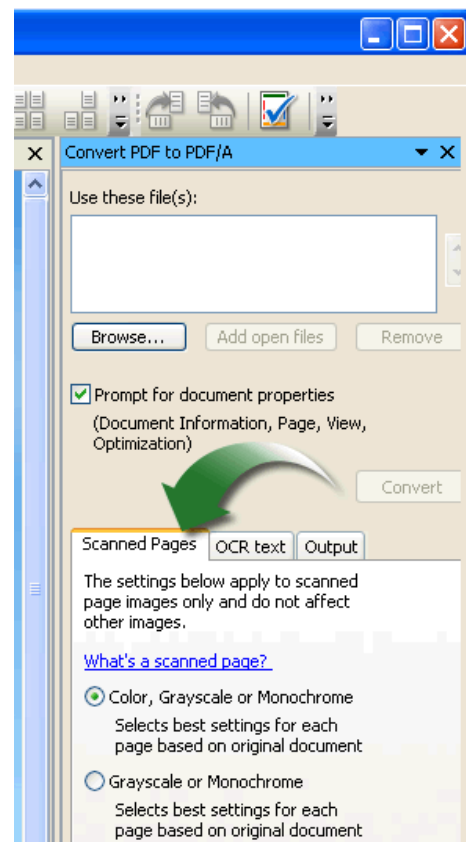
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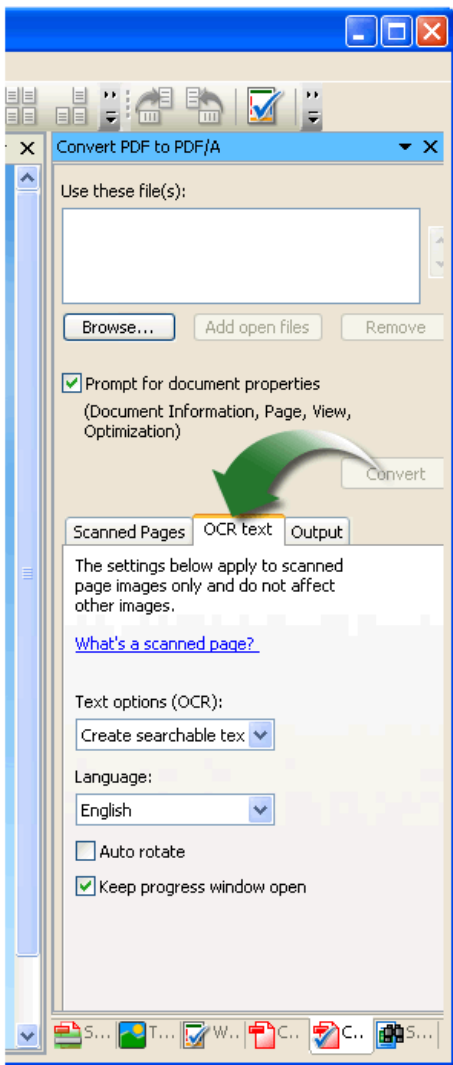
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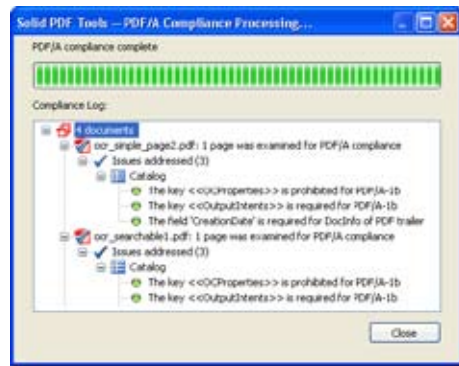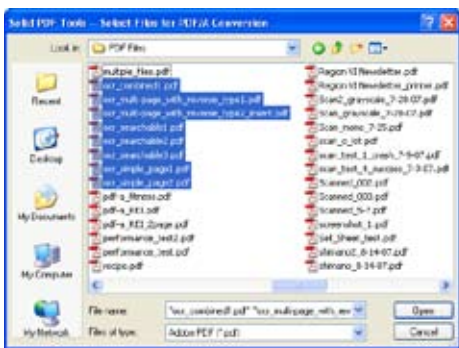
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Q. Why Should I Use Rich Text Format (RTF?)

A. There are several reasons why you may want to save files in Rich Text Format. Mostly because RTF:

1) Is readable across many programs and platforms. Although many applications can import Microsoft Word (DOC) files, older programs may not be able to import or convert newer versions of Word. This is not the case with RTF. All major word processing programs can read RTF. In addition, desktop database applications, e-mail clients, and operating systems (such as Unix, Macintosh, and Windows) can read RTF files; 2) Is extremely easy to use, regardless if you use Microsoft Word, AppleWorks, Corel WordPerfect, or another word processing program, such as Open Office;

Note. You can easily save a Word document as a RTF file by selecting Save As from the File menu, and choosing RTF.

and, 3) Does not spread viruses[4]. Microsoft Word macro viruses[4] can present big security problems[4] on the Internet. ***If you send RTF files instead of DOC files by e-mail***, you can ensure that harmful macros[4] won't be inadvertently sent to others, however, ***most of your formatting*** will still be preserved.

Caveat. ***Best of all,* s**ince RTF does not use macros, it ***cannot hide macros*** that might contain viruses[4].

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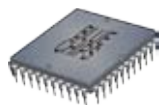
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Utah Blue Chips Calendar

June, Jully, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10 **UBC General Meeting U of U 7:00 p.m.** **Dance Music**	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13 **Magazine Deadline**
Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17 **U of U 7:00pm**	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20
Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27
Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1	Jul 2 **UCS Board of Trustees C&C Bldg. Room N3005 6:30 p.m.**	Jul 3	Jul 4
Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8 **UBC General Meeting U of U 7:00 p.m.** **PICNIC!!**	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11 **Magazine Deadline**
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